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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to the National Stage Application, where election of the U.S. under Chapter II of the PCT was made prior to 19 months from the priority date, in compliance with 37 § C.F.R 1.495(b). This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and PCT Article 39(1).

The National Stage Application of co-pending International Application No. PCT/AU2004/001378, filed 8 October 2004, is entitled A FIBRE REINFORCED CEMENT COLUMN AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME. Applicant's Preliminary Amendment comprises the following:

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment; and

Remarks that begin on page 8 of this Preliminary Amendment.